Matrimonial cases

1640. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of matrimonial cases pending in Delhi courts for the last one year and for more than one year; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take for speedy disposal of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The information is being collected from Delhi High Court and it will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as received.

(b) For speedy disposal of matrimonial cases Government have sanctioned three posts of Judges to man the Family Courts in Delhi under the Family Courts Act, 1984.

Rehabilitation of sick industrial units

1641. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Times of India dated July 24, 1987 wherein it has been stated that Cells set-up by the Government in R.B.I. and I.D.B.I. for the rehabilitation of sick industrial units have been by and large ineffective leading to an increase of sick industries in India; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to improve the working of sick units in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Reserve Bank of India has evolved a system of health code for borrowal accounts and has asked banks to periodically review them. This is with a view to *inter-alia* enable banks to detect sickness at an anticipate stage. The effectiveness of the system is review by the RBI.

The Government have recently enacted a comprehensive legislation, namly "The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985" which provides for setting up of a quasi-judicial body designated as the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) to deal with the problems of sick industrial companies in an effective manner. The BIFR has become operational with effect from 15th May, 1987.

Reserve Bank of India have also issued guidelines separately to the banks indicating parameters within which banks could grant reliefs and concessions for rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units without reference to RBI, both in the large and small scale sectors.

Gas resources in Krishna Godavari basin

1642. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
SHRI ADINARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the estimated gas resources in the Krishna-Godavari basin;

(b) what is the number of gas wells now in operation;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to link all wells together and supply gas for industrial and domestic sectors; and

(d) if so, what would be the method of distribution of gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The total recoverable gas reserves in onland K-G Basin have been estimated at 1606.8 MMCM on 1.1.87.

(b) No gas is being produced from K-G Basin at present.

(c) and (d) Initially ONGC plan to produce 1.5 lakh cubic meters of gas per day from K.G. Basin. A pipeline is being constructed by ONGC which will go